

# BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD. \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG.NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: Kathy Howe DATE: Sept. 1994

YOUR ADDRESS: 133 South Fitzhugh Street TELEPHONE: (716)546-7029  
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ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

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## IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Drs. Abdiel B. and A. Milton Carpenter's Office
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN: Greece
3. STREET LOCATION: 3491 Latta Road
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [X]
5. PRESENT OWNER: Anthony & Christine Colacicco ADDRESS: (same) Rochester, NY 14612
6. USE: Original: doctor's office Present: residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes[X] No[ ]  
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

## DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard [ ] b. stone [ ] c. brick [ ] d. board and batten [ ]  
e. cobblestone [ ] f. shingles [X](wood) d. stucco [ ] other: Asphalt roof shingles. Foundation appears to be pargeted and scored to resemble masonry joints.
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints [X]  
b. wood frame with light members [ ]  
c. masonry load bearing walls [ ]  
d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
e. other \_\_\_\_\_
10. CONDITION: a. excellent [ ] b. good [ ] c. fair [X] d. deteriorated [ ]
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site [X] b. moved [ ] if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):  
(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"This has obviously had some changes to it and it has been sided. Let's just make it a 'green.' " P.Malo.

COLOR CODE

Green





14. THREATS TO BUILDING:

- a. none known [ ]                      b. zoning [ ]                      c. roads [X]\*  
d. developers [ ]                      e. deterioration [ ]  
f. other: \*Close proximity to busy road.

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

- a. barn [ ]                      b. carriage house [ ]                      c. garage [ ]  
d. privy [ ]                      e. shed [X]                      f. greenhouse [ ]  
g. shop [ ]                      h. gardens [ ]  
i. landscape features: \_\_\_\_\_  
j. other: \_\_\_\_\_

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):

- a. open land [ ]                      b. woodland [ ]  
c. scattered buildings [X]  
d. densely built-up [ ]                      e. commercial [ ]  
f. industrial [ ]                      g. residential [X]  
h. other: Dr. A.B. Carpenter's house located across street at 3490 Latta Road.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1850s

ARCHITECT: not determined

BUILDER: not determined

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES:

(see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: Doctor's Office/Residential

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Center entrance porch, which once featured a spindled balustrade, spindled frieze, turned posts, and brackets, has been enclosed.

One-story, gable-roofed additions at rear (post World War II?).

Two-story addition added at west side.

Double-hung replacement windows.

One-story bay added at east elevation.

Gable-roofed wall dormers added at east elevation of main block and south elevation of west wing.

Picture window added at east elevation.

Chimney added on west elevation.

Barn razed in 1992.

17. This vernacular Greek Revival house is located on a 4.6 acre lot on the south side of Latta Road (State Route 18) in the northwest quadrant of the town. The house faces north. A driveway is located west of the house. A contributing gable-roofed, frame shed is located behind the house to the south. Across the street, at 3490 Latta Road, is the Greek Revival style Abdiel B. Carpenter House (see inventory form). The neighborhood consists primarily of twentieth-century ranch and split level houses.

18. One and one-half story, Greek Revival frame house with a front-gabled main block, a side-gabled west wing addition, and one-story, gable-roofed rear additions. The house is clad with wood shingles. Both the front block and west wing have a wide frieze and cornice returns. The north elevation of the main block is three bays wide at the first floor with an enclosed center entrance porch. A historic photograph reveals that this porch was once open and had a spindled balustrade and frieze, turned posts, and brackets. Windows are one-over-one, double-hung replacement sash. A gable-roofed wall dormer, bay windows and picture windows have been added on the east elevation.

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A small shed-roofed section is attached on the south elevation of the west wing.

Located behind the house is a contributing, front-gabled, frame shed (date unknown) with board and batten siding. The entrance to the shed is on the north side. The roof is clad with corrugated metal.

20. This mid-nineteenth-century, vernacular Greek Revival building is historically significant in the town of Greece for its association with Dr. Abdiel Bliss Carpenter and his son, Dr. Abdiel Milton Carpenter. According to Gloria Latragna, present owner of 3490 Latta Road and member of the Greece Historical Society, the building once served as a doctor's office for the Carpenters. Based on its Greek Revival form, the structure may date from the 1850s. The Dr. Abdiel Bliss Carpenter House is located across the street at 3490 Latta Road.

A historic photograph reveals that this building began as a simple, front-gabled rectangular block. The house has undergone a significant number of alterations. These changes include the west wing addition, rear additions, window replacements, new siding, and the enclosure of the porch. Although the building has been altered, it is architecturally significant as an example of a mid-nineteenth-century, vernacular Greek Revival building. Characteristic features of the Greek Revival include the cubic massing, front-gabled form, and cornice returns. This former doctor's office is also important as a rare survivor of a specialized building type.

The 1852 county map shows a building on or near this site which appears to be labelled "school." It has not been determined if this is the same building as the present one. A building also appears on this site on the 1858 county map with A.B. Carpenter's name shown associated with the house across the street. The 1872 county map shows Dr. A.B. Carpenter as the owner of both this building and the house across the street. The 1902 and 1924 county maps show this 40 acre property on the south side of the street, owned by Alfred Pickens. Pickens' name is also listed in the 1920 Federal Census as the owner of a general farm on Latta Road.

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Abdiel Bliss Carpenter was born on May 11, 1809 in Seneca, Ontario County. He received his general education at the Geneva Academy (now Hobart College). His diploma to practice medicine was received on January 8, 1831 from the Fairfield Medical School in Herkimer County. Most of the Carpenters were farmers, but Abdiel B. and his three brothers were doctors. Abdiel B. came to Greece as a young doctor to assist Dr. M.B. Gage and soon he established his own practice in North Greece.

In 1830, Abdiel married Jane Louisa Rowley of Greece. Their first home was a log cabin at the northwest corner of North Greece and Latta Roads. They built a frame house at present 3490 Latta Road about 1840 and expanded it into a large Greek Revival house c. 1860. They had six children, Abdiel Milton, Almeda, Frank, Annie, Babe, and Jessie. Annie, Babe and Almeda died at a young age. Frank fought in the Civil War and died of starvation and dysentery as a prisoner of war. The death date for Jessie is not known. Abdiel Milton became a doctor and took over his father's practice at 3491 Latta Road. According to Gloria Latragna, Abdiel Milton and his wife, Louisa Burns Butts, lived here and used part of the house as a doctor's office. Their son Frank also became a doctor.

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